

During the period before the approval of the Wisconsin "no call" list, our phone was constantly bombarded with calls from telemarketers every day. My wife and I found telemarketers were particularly obnoxious about calling at dinnertime, but they also called during the day and night. We were so alienated from our phone that we began screening all our calls through a phone machine. We felt our privacy and peace at home was being invaded by very pushy strangers.

We have found that the Wisconsin "no call" law has made a huge difference in our lives. We are now able to carry on normal, uninterrupted activities at home, and answer the phone with confidence that it will be someone we wish to talk to.

All in all, the Wisconsin "no call" list is the best new initiative that state government has undertaken in the last 20 years!

We will be very unhappy if the federal government now encourages the resumption of big telemarketers' invasion of individuals' privacy. The FCC should be ashamed of itself for even considering this!

My only regret about the "no call" list is that it permits mass calling by political parties for months before elections. If I were to revise the "no call" law, I would restrict such political advertising calls to the month before elections.

Yours truly, William Cranmer